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ANTIMICROBIAL PEPTIDES DERIVED FROM

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Group Art Unit

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In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2003, Applicants elect the Sir: claims of Group III (claims 41-43, 45, 47, 49 and 60) with partial traverse, and elect the species of SEQ ID NO. 3.

The claims of Group III are directed to a method for treating infection by using ubiquicidine or peptides derived therefrom, as specifically identified by their sequences. The claims of Group I are directed to the peptide fragments corresponding to (but fewer in number than) the peptides identified in Group III. The claims of Groups I and III should be examined

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(and can easily be examined) together for the following reasons. An examination search of the single sequence of SEQ ID NO 1 would identify all prior art pertinent to either Group I or Group III, which suggests that the claims of Groups I and III could be examined together without hardship to the Examiner. Such a search would logically be designed to identify all biomedical effects of SEQ ID NO 1, so that any indications beyond the anti-infection indications of Group III would also be unearthed by the same examination search. Reconsideration of the restriction requirement to the point of examining the claims of Groups I and III together will be greatly appreciated by Applicants.

The election of the species of SEQ ID NO 3 is made with the understanding that upon allowability of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to examination of a reasonable additional number of species.

Examination and allowance of the claims of Groups I and III (namely, all of claims 28-34, 46, 47, 55, 41-43, 45, 47, 49 and 60) are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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